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Delays Expected All Weekend

I-20 EB LANES CLOSED FOR PREP WORK FOR TRUCK WEIGH IN SYSTEM

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation is urging motorists to seek alternate routes and to expect delays on I-20 eastbound in Douglas County as contractors begin the preparatory work for a truck weigh in system that will be installed in August. Single and double lane closures will be in place all weekend.

“We are expecting heavy delays, especially during the daylight hours,” said Assistant District Construction Engineer Dona Lee Welch. “We’re not closing the interstate but it will be a slow ride through the area. Avoid it if you can.”

All of the lane closures will be in the eastbound direction. Single right lane closures will be in place each weekend day from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and double right lane closures will be in place from 9 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 9 p.m. Sunday until 4 a.m. Monday. All lanes will be opened before rush hour on Monday morning.

The prep work will require the removal of a 300-foot section of pavement and base material in the right lane to a depth of 30 inches. It will then be replaced with the concrete that will house the weigh in system. There may be times, particularly on Sunday, when few workers will be visible but lane closures are still in place. This is necessary to allow the concrete to cure.

The precast weigh in system will allow commercial tractor trailers to be weighed as they travel on the interstate instead of requiring them to enter the weigh station. The electronic system sends a signal to the weigh station with the weight information.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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